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"Christian Identity Is For Pantywaists"

The following article was published in Salon, that gaggingly leftist e-zine. Jeff Stein, an independent reporter who first contacted me while doing a story on Rudolph's Birmingham abortion clinic bombing, does a good job here of getting my quotes right. A few comments are in order, however.

First, I call CIs "Mistaken Identities" because I find little Christian about them. Swathing functional Nazism in Scripture, to my mind, is a good way to earn yourself an interesting corner of Hell. I leave final judgements up to God, and I pray for their immortal souls, but as opinions are ubiquitous-- that is mine.

Second, Stein dilutes (or the editor removed) the principal point I wished to make (and frankly thought I made in the interview) that the collectivist gun controllers and the Nazis are in functional alliance with each other. Frankly, I thought the irony of that would be enough to make the story-- I said stronger things about Schumer and Company than the Nazis-- I guess the leftist-puke editor didn't like 'em.

A third point that failed to make the story is that there isn't a neoNazi or Christian Identity group in this country-- no matter how small-- that isn't fed-penetrated or even fed-controlled. This puts "lone wolf" attacks such as those in Illinois and California in question, MK Ultra aside.

Fourth, it is not that the Nazis "hope to gain control of pro-gun sentiment by attacks" (a statement which is ridiculous on its face) but rather that they hope to incite the Schumers of the world to more gun control measures which will shove us into conflict with the regime. Again, that the Nazis and the collectivist gun grabbers have more in common with each other than with constitutionalists seems to have landed on the editorial room floor.

Finally, there has been some discussion of late that CIs and Nazis make functional, if not good, allies of the constitutional militia movement. Now I don't have a problem if some fellow who subscribes to "British Israelism" agrees that the Constitution extends to all Americans, regardless of race, creed, color or religion-- and is willing to swear an oath to that effect. In America, after all, you have the freedom to believe as you will, or even hate who you wish-- that is part of what makes America worth fighting for. But so much of what passes for "Christian" Identity these days is functional Nazism-- they not only believe in racism and antisemitism but wish to come to power by any means and make it law-- that I don't see how anyone could find these people to be reliable allies in a fight. Indeed, they have more in common with the enemies of the Constitution of the Clintonista regime than they do us.

It is not "factionalism" to have a firm enough grasp on what you're fighting for to understand that the "enemy of my enemy is still my enemy". There are people in the so-called Patriot Movement who in one

breath condemn the Republican Party as "sellout" and antiConstitutional (and they are right) in the next breath talk about the Nazis as possible allies. Did they miss World War II? Are they so uncertain of their own strength of purpose and numbers that they have to seek out allies they know will stab them in the back at the first opportunity?

It's as if a timid but well-intentioned bank guard took on an unrepentant convicted thief to help him guard the vault simply because the thief hadn't stolen anything lately and had had a falling out with the leader of the principal gang of thieves that the guard feared. The guard's failure to think clearly would simply mean that he would get it from behind rather than in front and the vault would be looted all the same.

Well, we guard a vault. In fact, we seek to return some part of our patrimony-fortune that has been stolen over the years to that vault. To do so we must think clearly-- without fear, intellectual horsecrap and wishful thinking. The Nazis think clearly about some things. Read The Turner Diaries. They are clear about what they're going to do to anyone who opposes them-- liberals, other collectivists, Constitutionalists-- they intend to hang us one and all.

And someone seriously proposes fighting alongside them in the next foxhole? Or tying their flank to them? National Socialists are to card-carrying Communists as Christian Identity racial collectivists are to liberal gun-grabbers. Both have more in common with each other than they do with defenders of the Constitutional Republic and individual liberty.

In any case, compared to the vast number of Americans who will fight for the Republic of our Founders, the numbers of the CIs and the Nazis are miniscule. They need us far more than we need them-- which is to say, we need them not at all.

My own active opposition to CIs and Nazis came about because of what I discovered helping the Wilburns with their private investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing and related events-- the CIs and Nazis acted like thoroughly-infiltrated and exquisitely-controlled cat's paws of the Feds. I refer the uninitiated reader to The John Doe Times archives, or to Ambrose Evans-Pritchard's book, The Secret Life of Bill Clinton.

Now unlike collectivists-- whether of the class, national, racial or tribal variety-- I judge men individually by who they are, not what they are. But I have found that men sort themselves out into groups that make that judgement easier. Observe what sort of god a man bends his knee to, and what flag he stands under, and you have more than a clue to the kind of man he is.

My God is that of Abraham and Isaac, of Moses and David and Gideon, not the Norse biker gods of the Nazis or other tribal ancestor worship. You know, the One who said, "Thou shalt have no other Gods before me." I worship His Son, Jesus, who gave his life to that all who profess Him may have eternal life. My flags are those of the Christian faith, the Republic of the United States of America, and the State of Alabama, not the swastika or the hammer and sickle.

And if a man is truly defined by his enemies as well as his friends, then I am rich beyond measure in friends, and content with my pantheon of enemies. If I can be despised by everyone from the Clintonista White House to the sodomite liar Morris Dees and his testosterone-challenged castrato-clone Brian Levin to the murderers of the FBI & ATF like Jim Cavanaugh to the Nazis and their CI allies, to local corrupt politicians--well, I must be doing something right. I pray for all their immortal souls, but won't be surprised if I don't seem 'em on the other side of Heaven's gate.

Indeed, some of them, such as internet cartoon Nazi Martin Lindstedt, are positive pleasures to have around. A man who is so into his own pathology that he represents it as The Road to Good Health is the best billboard you can have if you disagree with him. Lindstedt is like a leper trying to sell beauty cream. He only sells his product to those so blind they will not see. May he live long and redouble his efforts, or may the healing power of the Lord cure his diseased mind.

Anyone who allies himself with such a proponent of "Christian" Identity as Lindstedt will get what he deserves-- most likely shot in the back by his kind. As for me, I choose my allies a bit more carefully. Trusting in my God and His purpose, I do not take counsel of my fears and thus I have no need of compromising my principles for perceived safety in illusory numbers. Especially with a proven class of heathen liars and murderers such as the Nazis. And as for their putative allies the "Christian" Identities: they're pantywaists.

Those who love God and the Constitution will be doing what we have been: buying beans and bullets and getting our boots out in the grass where we can continue to raise our military skills. As George Washington believed, "Those who wish for peace should be prepared for war." And a bit of prayer never hurts, either.

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Right-wingers debate Buford Furrow's goals and his organizational ties.

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Neo-Nazis are hoping attacks like Buford O. Furrow's push the nation toward stricter gun control, say conservative students of right-wing hate movements, because they believe such restrictions will touch off anti-government warfare.

"They really believe 'The Turner Diaries' is the road map to their success," says J.D. Cash, an Oklahoma reporter with long associations

among right-wing activists who broke stories about Timothy McVeigh's links to white-supremacist groups like Christian Identity.

"The Turner Diaries," an apocalyptic novel embraced by McVeigh and other Christian extremists, portrays a "patriot" who foments a right-wing backlash against the government's effort to crack down on guns by setting off bombs.

Police found Christian Identity literature in the van of Furrow, a 37-year-old Washington state man who turned himself into Las Vegas police after allegedly wounding three children, a teenager and an adult with bursts of automatic weapons fire at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, Calif., a Los Angeles suburb, Tuesday. Furrow is also suspected of the murder of a postal worker an hour after the community center shooting.

The discovery of Christian Identity material led some commentators to link Furrow to notorious abortion bombing suspect Eric Rudolph, who disappeared into North Carolina's Smokey Mountains after police connected him to the bombing of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., in January 1998. The Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., which tracks hate groups and has a file on Furrow, believes he followed the beliefs of the so-called Phineas Priesthood, a branch of Christian Identity. That loose-knit group also has been linked to 1996 bombings and bank robberies in the Spokane, Wash., area.

But the Christian Identity links to Furrow are less apparent than the movement's links to Rudolph, right wing experts told Salon News. Furrow is close to the neo-Nazi Aryan Nation in Washington state, while Rudolph had no known neo-Nazi associations.

"We're talking about two different regions here, two different sets of friends, two different sets of beliefs," said Mike Vanderboegh, a leader of the Alabama militia movement, in a telephone interview. Vanderboegh has made a hobby out of ridiculing Christian Identity followers and excludes them from his organization. "Rudolph is more Identity, this guy is more Nazi, is my read on it," he said.

"Rudolph, to the extent that we know about his associates and his friends, hung around with Nord Davis' Christian Identity folks" in North Carolina, "while this guy was hanging around Bob Mathews' widow and the Aryan Nations," Vanderboegh said. Furrow lived with Debbie Mathews, whose husband, Robert J. Mathews, founded the neo-Nazi group the Order, a violent offshoot of the Aryan Nations.

Nord Davis, who died two years ago, hosted Christian Identity military training camps at his mountain home near Andrews, N.C., where Rudolph disappeared. Ex-Green Beret and self-styled Populist Party leader James "Bo" Gritz led some of the sessions. Rudolph, who has been indicted in

other bombings, including the 1996 Atlanta Olympics, was educated briefly at a Christian Identity commune in Missouri, where he embraced white supremacy and neo-Nazi literature, according to his brother.

Rudolph knew Nord Davis, according to North Carolina sources, but was not known to train at his camp. He learned how to make bombs from found materials in the Army, when he was assigned to an air cavalry unit, according to a law enforcement source.

Another difference between Rudolph's bombings and Furrow's alleged attack Tuesday was that Rudolph's missions always appeared to be aimed at police, as well as the primary target -- a key tenet of Christian Identity tactics, according to manuals associated with the movement. No security personnel were attacked at the Jewish Community Center.

Christian Identity offers a convoluted, Old Testament gloss to traditional anti-Semitism and racism, teaching that white Northern Europeans are the real Israelites and all others are "mud people." Neo-Nazis and Christian Identity followers, who have a scattering of churches, mainly in the South, share anti-Black, anti-Jewish, anti-gay and anti-abortion sentiments.

"I think in some ways Christian Identity is designed for pantywaists who are afraid to declare themselves true Nazis," Vanderboegh jibed. "These are the folks who have to tell their mommas or their wives, 'It's OK that we hate blacks and Jews, dear, because God and Jesus told us it's OK.' Whereas the Nazis don't worry about that kind of thing. They're sort of beyond excuses."

"You know, when you've got Adolf Hitler as your standard-bearer, what else have you got to be embarrassed about?" Vanderboegh said.

"They each come to their pus-filled beliefs by different roads, but they agree on the destination."

Vanderboegh agreed with J.D. Cash that the neo-Nazis hope to incite and gain control of pro-gun sentiment by attacks like the one on the Jewish Community Center.

"It definitely makes sense from their point of view," Vanderboegh said. Their "long-term goal is to climb up the resistance tree" of anti-gun control forces in "a civil war that will be provoked by the complete confiscation of guns."

"Trust me, conflict will break out," Vanderboegh said. "It doesn't take

the neo-Nazis to start it, but they're more than happy to benefit from it."

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"If men are not ruled by God, they will be ruled by tyrants." -- William Penn.

"The only good bureaucrat is one with a pistol at his head. Put it in his hand, and it's Good-bye to the Bill of Rights." --H.L. Mencken